

problem with the Chair on the dividing, I wanted to bring it to the Chair's attention.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, I think conceptually we can do this. We may have to come back with a clean-up amendment in case it does create a problem, but I think we can go ahead and do it this way. We will take up...Senator Preister, if it's okay with you, we will take up that first section first from line 3 through...I think it's Sections 1 through 5 of the amendment.

SENATOR PREISTER: That's correct. And, yes, that is all right with me.

SPEAKER BAACK: Okay. Discussion on this first part of the amendment, Sections 1 through 5. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this particular section, to explain the amendment that we have in front of us, for the most part, Senator Avery and I had some of the same concerns about the fish and wildlife area, some...particularly in the aquaculture and the importation of fish and all of this particular area. We had two separate ideas, we combined them into one because they were so closely related and offered them as an amendment to this bill, which actually expands what I think Senator Preister wishes to do which is also, I think, in a good thing. However, the first section that's been divided by Senator Preister basically I wanted to give a preview of what it does. This was an amendment that...this was a bill that dealt with aquaculture and in the beginning the whole aquaculture question has been a very complex one and not an easily defined one. Game and Parks, for example, has certain criteria of fish and wildlife and certainly they want to protect the equal systems and the environment. They have a permit process and so on. The Department of Agriculture certainly wants to get involved in aquaculture as in promotion and other areas and also some permits. And we've been trying to work, too, together for about six or seven years now, at least since I've been in the Legislature. A very positive thing happened. Everyone came to the table. Everyone brought some of the concerns and they came up and hammered out this particular section that Senator Preister has divided out, and, in essence, all agree on this...all of these sections. There is not one person that came and testified by Game and Parks, Fish and Wildlife, Department of Agriculture or Aquaculture that were